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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to show my support of the Microsoft settlement, which will be finalized at the end of the month. I have felt that this lawsuit reflected an attempt by the previous administration to challenge the strongest parts of our business community and do not support any further action. This deal provides a comprehensive attempt to remedy any lack of competition that might exist in the industry, so it should offer plenty of opportunities for competitors and be approved promptly.

With regular monitoring by a panel of experts, the agreement has guaranteed no favoritism of computer makers who use Microsoft software. A uniform price list will be used for licensing of Windows to the 20 largest manufacturers and they will have expansive rights to replace Microsoft programs with those from AOL, Real Networks, etc. There will also be no contract restrictions in relation to promoting Windows technology as well.

With this settlement, Microsoft has given its competitors an ample opportunity to succeed in the marketplace. Please take this chance and move on with that process now.

Sincerely,



Lynwood Taylor